

Retired pastor Montie A. Davis will continue in service of God



MR. AND MRS. WALTER PIERCE OF KREOLE OBSERVED their 50th wedding anniversary recently when a reception at their home was given by their children. They are parents of four children, 14 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

* The Rev. Montie A. Davis, using as subject "What Think Ye of Christ?" preached his farewell sermon at Eastside Baptist Church last Sunday.

The 65-year-old pastor offered his resignation after the Sermon, ending 41 years in the ministry.

"I will continue to live in Jackson County," he said. "I will fill the pulpit as supply pastor, serve as interim pastor, conduct revivals, teach study courses and serve in any way I am needed," he said.

"I hope to keep busy serving the Lord," he added.

He is a native of Lincoln County and a veteran of World War I, serving with the 119th Field Artillery in France.

He was graduated from Mississippi College, where he taught freshman Bible during his senior year 1923. He was awarded a master's degree in theology from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1927.

After graduation he served full-time pastorates in Granger and DeLeon, Tex., and in Union, East Moss Point, Brandon, Raleigh, Carson and Eastside.

The pastor has served the Baptist denomination in other ways.

He was moderator of three county associations — Scott, Jackson and Rankin.

He served as a member of the state executive board from Rankin County, and was president of the old Pastor and Layman's Conference for one term.

Mrs. Davis will continue to teach in the Moss Point school system where for the past five years she has taught third grade at Escatawpa.

"We will continue to pray for Eastside Baptist Church and all the forces of righteousness in Jackson County," he said.